



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

May 14, 2012

5:30 p.m., 10th Floor Conference Room
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX

MINUTES

Members Present: 5

David Turner, Jennifer Barr-Ardovino, Frederick Caldwell, James Tolbert, Deanna De La Cruz

Members Absent: 3

Theresa Welch Fordham, Ralph Cloud, Melissa Ann Luna

Member Vacancies: 1

Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order
David Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Introduction: New Board Member Deanna A. De La Cruz (District 3)
Nanette Smejkal Director of Parks and Recreation introduced new Board member, Deanna De La Cruz, who gave a brief biography.
3. Agenda Item #3. Introduction: New Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Tracy Novak.
Nanette Smejkal Director of Parks and Recreation introduced new Assistant Director, Tracy Novak, who gave a brief biography.
4. Agenda Item #4. Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2012
Motion by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino to approve minutes as written. Second by Frederick Caldwell. Motion carried (unanimous).
5. Agenda Item #5. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)
None
6. Agenda Item #6. Parks and Recreation Calendar and Newsletter
Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, highlighted the calendar and newsletter included in the agenda packet. She reported on events: Art in the Park, Community Garden planting day and Arbor Day and she thanked board members for their attendance. Ms. Smejkal announced that Chelsea Pool would not open this summer due to structural deterioration.
7. Agenda Item #9. Discussion Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)
Motion by Jennifer Barr-Ardovino to nominate Deanna De La Cruz as an alternate on the Park Naming Subcommittee. Second by James Tolbert. Motion carried (unanimous).

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8. Agenda Item #7. Subcommittee:

a. Parks Naming Subcommittee

Discussion and Action: Schedule meeting for Hudson Family Application regarding Franklin Hill Park

Discussion ensued among Park Naming Subcommittee members and a target date of June 4th was agreed upon to meet to review application.

9. Agenda Item #8. Discussion and Action: Proposed Amendments to El Paso City Code 13.24 (City Parks and Recreation Areas)

Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed a draft ordinance to amend El Paso City Code 13.24 which refers to Parks and Recreation rules. Discussion ensued on definitions and recommended language. Other issues discussed:

- Dog Park – choke/training collars
- Charcoal – disposal
- Hibachi/BBQ – 12 inch clearance from any surface
- Tree damage – piñatas, zip lines

No action was taken. Motion by James Tolbert to table the item for further review and comment at the next Board meeting. Second by Frederick Caldwell. Motion carried (unanimous).

10. Agenda Item #10. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas

- Park Pond Designs
- Park Design Standards

11. Adjournment – 7:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant